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(U) NATIONAL

(U) Colorado – Nine arrested, \$3.9M worth of Marijuana Found in Illegal Grow Operation

(U) Pueblo County – The local county sheriff's office, alongside US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, arrested nine people—including one juvenile—after finding two "significant" illegal marijuana grow fields on private property outside the city of Pueblo, Colorado. The estimated combined street value of the seized drugs was valued at about \$3.9 million. All of the individuals are believed to have connections to Mexico, according to authorities. The illegal grow operation also shared similar characteristics—such as irrigation systems—with other grow sites tied to Mexico-based cartels.

SOURCE: 4 October 2017, [KKTU 11 Colorado Springs](#)

(U) Georgia – Public School Employees' Information Compromised, Stolen by Hackers

(U) Atlanta – The US Secret Service and Georgia Bureau of Investigation are investigating a recent "phishing" scam that targeted school employees throughout the Atlanta public school system. Authorities believe that cyber criminals lured about 40 unsuspecting employees into clicking a fake link, granting the criminals access to information needed to redirect employees' direct deposit to accounts set up by the thieves. School officials are working with the Secret Service to scope the data breach and improve security measures to prevent any further attacks.

SOURCE: 4 October 2017, [WXIA News](#)

(U) Tennessee – Traffic Stop Uncovers Fully Automatic Assault Rifles, Ammunition

(U) Johnson City – Federal agents are trying to determine why a man pulled over for speeding in Tennessee was carrying a cache of weapons, including two fully automatic rifles, 900 rounds of ammunition, and survival equipment. The automatic weapons were not registered and lacked serial numbers, and the suspect apparently modified the rifles to make them automatic, according to law enforcement. Authorities have yet to determine a motive for carrying such a cache, but stated they do not see any connection to recent mass shootings.

SOURCE: 4 October 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Gasoline Bomb Discovered Under Truck in Latest Terror Scare

(U) Paris – Bottles of gasoline that were connected to "a crude detonator device" were discovered by workers under a Franco-Swiss cement company truck this morning in the 19th arrondissement northwest of Paris. French law enforcement and investigators arrived on scene and are investigating the incident, but thus far have not named or arrested any suspects. The discovery follows a similar incident on 30 September in which four gas cylinders, covered in gasoline and wired to a mobile phone, were discovered in the 16th arrondissement of Paris.

SOURCE: 5 October 2017, [Metro News](#)

(U) Italy – Police Arrest 37 People, Seize \$13 Million in Mafia Blitz

(U) Rome – Italian police say they have seized 11 million euros (\$13 million) in assets and arrested 37

people, including two Carabinieri (Italian national police) officers, accused in a Sicilian Mafia extortion racket. The Carabinieri officers illegally used information from a police database to extort a victim, according to authorities. The investigation focused on the Rinzivillo family of Sicily and its drug-dealing envoys in Germany. It showed how Cosa Nostra had infiltrated Rome businesses, using legitimate fresh and frozen fish front companies, and made alliances with other organized crime groups.

SOURCE: 4 October 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Libya – ISIS Claims Deadly Attack on Libyan Court

(U) Misrata – Gunmen killed at least four people and wounded nearly 40 yesterday in a suicide attack on a court complex in the Libyan city of Misrata. ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack, saying in a statement via the group's Amaq news agency that it had targeted "one of the most prominent strongholds" of Libya's UN-backed Government of National Accord (GNA). The attack shows the enduring militant threat in Libya after a Misrata-led coalition under nominal GNA command battled for more than six months last year to oust ISIS from its former stronghold in Sirte.

SOURCE: 4 October 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Niger – Three Green Berets Killed in Ambush in Niger

(U) Mali-Niger Border – Three US Green Berets were killed and two others were wounded yesterday in southwest Niger near the Mali-Niger border when a joint US-Nigerien patrol was attacked. A US defense official said that operations were underway in the area to locate the attackers. Five Nigerien soldiers also were killed in the attack, according to a Nigerien security official.

SOURCE: 5 October 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) United Nations – UN Report: Islamist Extremist Attacks Surge in Mali

(U) New York – Attacks by Islamist extremists against UN peacekeepers, Malian troops, and French forces in Mali have increased more than 100% since June, with local forces suffering heavy casualties, according to a recently published UN report. During this period, six peacekeepers, one civilian, and eight UN contractors were killed and 34 other UN personnel were injured, making the UN mission in Mali the deadliest of all global UN missions. The heaviest toll was suffered by Malian forces, with 39 members killed and 44 wounded.

SOURCE: 4 October 2017, [Agence France-Presse](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Arizona – Three People Found Hiding in Vehicle Trunk Arrested at Border

(U) Tombstone – US Border Patrol officials said they arrested a woman at an immigration checkpoint north of Tombstone yesterday after finding a Mexican man and two Belize residents in the truck of her car. Agents referred the vehicle for further inspection after a drug-sniffing K9 alerted them to a suspicious odor, which led to the discovery of the hidden individuals. Agents arrested the 25-year-old US woman for human smuggling and the three people hiding in the trunk for immigration violations.

SOURCE: 4 October 2017, [Associated Press](#)

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